

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 532

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Haven House of Blount County on the occasion of its thirtieth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary institutions and their remarkable supporters who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are credits to this State; and

WHEREAS, Haven House in Blount County is one such outstanding organization that has remained true to its worthy mission of providing victims of domestic violence a safe place to go; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Haven House have served their community with acumen, dedication, and compassion for the past thirty years; and

WHEREAS, initially started by the Blount County Ecumenical Actions Council, Haven House was launched with a \$17,000 commitment from Honey and Lamar Alexander in 1982; and

WHEREAS, deriving some of its funding from the State of Tennessee as well as United Way, the majority of Haven House's crucial services are available thanks to the generosity of individuals, businesses, and churches; and

WHEREAS, in the past three decades, Haven House has graciously served thousands of women and children in crisis, including providing shelter and support services to more than 400 Blount County families last year; and

WHEREAS, not content to rest on past successes, supporters of Haven House are focused on planning a host of projects and programs for 2012, including the My Funny Valentine Dinner and Dance, Shopping for Change Holiday Fundraiser, and a brand new scholarship program; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2012, the people who have put in their heart, hands, and financial support to assist the victims of abuse joined together to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of Haven House at Something Savory Bakery and Cafe; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years, the supporters of Haven House has selflessly and generously performed vital work that has touched the lives of countless Blount County citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the donors, staff, and volunteers of the Haven House on the occasion of that outstanding institution's thirtieth anniversary, commend them on three decades of exemplary service to Blount County and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.